

REMARKS

Claims 1-9 are pending in the present application.

Entry of the above amendments is earnestly solicited. An early and favorable first action on the merits is earnestly requested.

Should there be any matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the claims by the current amendment. The attached page is captioned "VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE."

The Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 25-0120 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17.

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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

IN THE CLAIMS:

The claims have been amended as follows:

4. (amended) A process as claimed in ~~any one of the above claims~~, claim 1, wherein said esterification reaction is carried out at a temperature of 0-50°C, preferably at 45°C.

5. (amended) A process as claimed in ~~any one of the above claims~~, claim 1 comprising the step of adding the reaction mixture with an amount of water or of a alcohol with 1-8 carbon atoms equivalent to 1-5% mols compared with the mols of said chiral carboxylic acid.

6. (amended) A process as claimed in ~~any one of the above claims~~, claim 1, wherein in said esterification reaction the meso form of a bicarboxylic acid is used as substrate.

7. (amended) A process as claimed in ~~the above claims 1-6~~, claim 1, wherein said carboxylic acid is selected from (+)-(R,S)-2-(2-fluoro-4-biphenyl)-propionic, (+)-(R,S)-2-(3-benzoylphenyl)-propionic, (+)-(R,S)-2-(4-isobutylphenyl)-~~isobutylphenyl~~-propionic, (+)-(R,S)-2-[4-(1-oxo-2-isoindoliny)phenyl] propionic, (+)-(R,S)-2-[4-(2-thenoyl)phenyl]-propionic, (+)-(R,S)-2-(6-methoxy-2-naphthyl)-propionic acids.